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## Apathetic hipsters take on Pull

Changes to the Nope tradition inspired by the new edgy attitude of administrators

**Wonder Woman**  
RANCHOR GODDESS

Students at Nope College were startled yesterday after a campus-wide press conference announced some monumental changes being made to a 115-year-old tradition: the Pull. The reactions of students varied widely. During the press conference, President Coltman and Dean Frosty outlined what the new image of the Pull will be. To reflect Nope’s new values of non-tradition, edginess and pushing the boundaries of societal expectations, the Pull will now be known as the Hipster Pull.

It appears that the inspiration for these radical changes in policy came to Coltman when he was called to take his life in a new direction after reading “Eat, Pray, Love” – before it was cool, of course.

“I started taking yoga classes and listening to Bon Iver,” said Coltman. “Pretty soon I had convinced Frosty to join me and we would often attend indie



PHOTO BY CHEWY THA KILLA

**TOO COOL FOR TRADITION—** Hipsters do away with Even and Odd Year teams- it will now pit the flannels against vintage in a much less intense, more alternative competition.

music festivals and go shopping for wide-framed plastic glasses.”

Together the two administrators devised the plan to rid Nope of its boring old traditions and change them to

keep the college ahead of its time. The first tradition they tackled was the Pull.

“To start with, we ditched that silly old rope for a new biodegradable one made of

hemp,” said Frosty. “It’s better for the environment that way – more natural.”

“You can forget about the traditional Even and Odd Year  
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## Presidential candidates terrified by hazing run all the way to Cowpen College

**Candy Corn**  
ASSISTANT TO THE TOOTH FAIRY

You’ve heard about Greek Life hazing – but who would have supposed presidential candidates were subject to a similar horror?

Mike Beloy, the new president at Cowpen College, first rejected an offer at Nope College because he was uncomfortable of certain “Dutch hazing practices” he experienced during the search process at Nope.

Currently no candidates remain in the running because of information that has recently surfaced about the “interview” process.

What Beloy first saw as a Dutch welcome, he said, turned into a Dutch nightmare.

“I expected a professional, warm interview process, maybe a few nice dinners,” he said. “What I got was Dutch torture.”

Upon arriving to campus, Beloy was required to replace his dress shoes with uncomfortable wooden shoes. Committee members asked him to prove his Dutch heritage with pictures,

birth certificates, and family recipes.

“I’m Swedish,” the man said. “I’m outta here.”

Various unnamed candidates mentioned a language quiz they were asked to fill out, which required them to translate sections of Aristotle and the Bible into Dutch. All complained that throughout the entire duration of their Nope “interview,” not a single person referenced their academic and professional credentials.

“I am extremely offended at the extent to which this process is all about ethnicity,” said international student Jaimie Wong (’13). “The Dutch are messed up.”

Ex-candidates have spoken about the hazing on the condition of anonymity, as presidential search committee members have threatened to instigate black squirrel attacks should anyone reveal the hazing tactics they have referenced as “necessary for upholding the

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PHOTO BY BARB E. DAHL

**KEEP ON DANCING—** Nope College President Coltman puts on his wooden shoes to demonstrate proper technique and prepare candidates for the ultimate test.

## Chef Gabe invasion!

**Peregrin Took**  
GUARD OF THE CITADEL

Always ready to make life better for students, Nope College Student Dining has recently issued a new policy for Phelps Hall. Due to popular demand and recent developments in scientific research, the Phelps staff has decided to replace all employees with clones of Gabe the Vegetarian Man.

“We conducted a student survey,” said an appointed spokeswoman for Phelps Dining, “People usually ask for things like real pizza and better vegetables, but this time everyone just kept asking for more Gabe. I guess they like his stuff or something.”

Although all the current stations at Phelps will still exist, they will be converted to serve only meatless fare.

“I guess the pesto gnocchi’s really catching on.”  
—**VEGETARIAN GABE**”

Each will specialize in a different one of Gabe’s favorite vegetables. For example, the former Globe station will be revamped to feature all sorts of exotic mushrooms. Chinople will include onions in every dish.

Those who prefer their burritos beefy should not fear. Taco Bell is located six minutes away at 190 North River Ave.

To differentiate between the original Gabe and his employee force, the original Gabe will be wearing a name tag identifying himself as Gabe Prime. Any questions about Phelps Dining should be directed to him.

The current employees of Dining Services, excluding student employees who are no longer needed, are being reassigned to another Dutch-Reformed, liberal arts school: Central College in Pella, Iowa.

According to Bob Van Heukelom, Director of Dining Services, “We think our unique Dutch talents might be better utilized elsewhere, in the heartland of America.” Noticing Gabe Prime staring at him from across the room, he quickly added, “Phelps is in good hands.”

Gabe the Vegetarian Man issued only one comment: “I guess the pesto gnocchi’s really catching on.”



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Iranian president writes a letter to Obama and Romney.

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Learn all that facts that you have been dying to know about facial hair.

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#### Intramural Scandal

It was recently discovered that Nope intramural players were getting payed the big bucks.

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THIS SEMESTER AT NOPE

**Friday-Saturday**      **Nov. 2-3**  
**Enemy Weekend**  
Bring your worst enemies to campus and join the battle in the pinegrove

**Saturday**      **Nov. 3**  
**Frumpy nuns competition**  
If you have nothing better to do, show up at the Civic Center at 7 p.m.

**Wednesday**      **Nov. 14**  
**Touchy Issues Symposium**  
“Magic Mike” showing follwed by a discussion on the hardships of male strippers, and a reading of “Fifty shaded of Grey” with Author E. L. James

**Thursday**      **Nov. 22**  
**Ungratefultaking**  
Join us for complaints and fasting

**Saturday**      **Nov. 24**  
**Dinner at Coltman’s**  
President Coltman cordial-ly invites all Nope students and faculty to dinner. BYOB.

**Sunday**      **Dec. 2**  
**Snowball fight!**  
Pine grove, 12 p.m. If there’s no snow, Sunday sundaes will be flying.

**Monday-Friday Dec. 10-14**  
**Nap party week**  
In honor of President Coltman’s last year, take a break from finals!

**Tuesday**      **Dec. 25**  
**Saturnalia celebration**  
Bonfire in Dimnent Chapel 7 p.m.

# Dorm madness as Durfee falls

## Mutant virus quarantines Durf men, as Van Vleck becomes the vault, takes the veil

**Wanda Jo Virmwald**  
A FAIRLY ODD PARENT

From the Science Center to DeVos Fieldhouse, multiple Durfs have been reported as allegedly missing in action around campus.

Worship band leader Josh Banner says he is surprised at not being interrupted during practice by late night runs and chants with little to no amounts of clothes. “Oddly enough, I miss it. I really do,” he said.

Employees of Phelps Cafeteria have noticed an excess of Mountain Dew as well as a lack of oddly dressed students at dinner. “The burrito line is so short!” said the burrito lady.

Residents of Estrogen Alley have moved into a state of shock at no longer being disrupted by a discord of pots, pans and trashcans. “I sit by my window every night hoping they’ll come,” said Boi Chaser (’16). “And when they don’t, I cry.”

It has been made aware to the Nope College community through campus safety email alerts that a contagious virus causing extreme body odors and making facial hair fall off has broken out among our beloved Durfs.

The virus is said to have originated from the plumbing of

the second floor bathroom after an unauthorized “hot tub party” took place.

Murky water soaked into the carpets and through the walls, and eventually flooded the entire building. To prevent the virus from spreading, campus safety has ordered a quarantine for all who live in Durfee Hall.

“The excess and strength of the body odors caused by the virus is eliminating their sense of smell as well,” a Campus Safety employee said, “which is unfortunate.”

After receiving the campus distributional email, the resident assistants of Van Vleck called a meeting with Residential Life and officially announced that their hall will now act as a convent committed to chastity and social seclusion.

“Now that Durfee is quarantined, it seemed like an appropriate time to make the announcement,” said Resident Director Stephanie Smith.

Residents are required to wear whiteboards hanging from their necks in case they need to communicate with someone of the opposite sex. They are renaming the residence hall Van Vleck Virtue Vault, and not allowing male students inside at any point in the day.

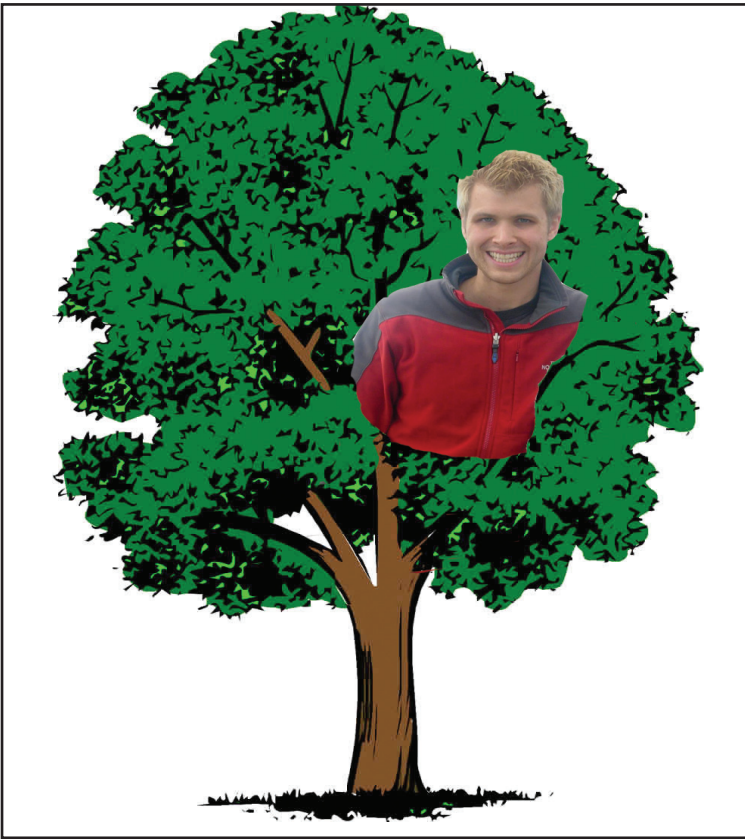


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**JUST HANGING—** Brandon Smith seems to have adjusted well to his new home, but seems to be having some problems with his squirrel roommates.

The Ranchor is sad to report that Brandon Smith, husband of Stephanie Smith, is now packing his bags and will be moving into the tree across from Stephanie’s window. He will be building an eco-friendly tree house and building a community with the

local squirrels and chipmunks. Van Vleck resident Annie B. Good (’15), now called Sister Anne, is happy about the changes on campus. “I figure I might as well take my vows since the Durfee boys are off-limits now,” she said.

# Something’s fishy about visit days...

## ... and it isn’t a tuna melt at Phelps

**Gaston Nostag**  
VILLAGE HOTTIE

Nope College has finally been caught in the act.

On Friday, October 26th, a professional actor was caught impersonating a Nope student.

The size of this year’s freshmen class indicated the lack of prospective Nope students. Administrators thought it would be best to promote the image of Nope College by hiring professional actors to walk around campus for visit days.

The hiring process was very selective. Nope only hired professionals who owned a longboard, held a high interest in playing tug-of-war, and turned their cheek to any mainstream coffee shop.

Unfortunately, admissions couldn’t find women actors who could meet these characteristics. Of the exclusively male professionals, half were dressed up in plaid button-ups, khaki pants and Sperry’s. The other half were dressed up as women in straightened blond wigs, Patagonia sweatshirts, J-crew jeans and Toms.

With the great forecast of possible snow this past weekend, the Nope admissions team knew it had to pull out all the stops for a big visitation day. Out of the hundreds of professionals

staging as on-campus students, one was caught in the act.

Holtz Holder, a perspective student who spent his weekend visiting Durfee Hall, was the one who uncovered Nope’s secret.

“I was scared out of my mind when some boys in the hall started to scream ‘Durfee Run!’” said Holder.

“The kid I was staying with told me I didn’t have to join in. To avoid the awkwardness I headed outside as they prepared for their run. I noticed this really cute blond girl coming from that groovy pine place. As the boys ran past me I thought that the girl was going to run away screaming, but she-or should I say *he*- took his clothes off and joined in!”

“I didn’t think anyone had seen me,” said the actor, Bust Ded. “I got so wrapped up in the moment... It’s always been a dream of mine to publicly embarrass myself without clothes.”

After this incident, admissions will no longer be hiring actors on visitation days. However, any students with straightened blond hair, Patagonia sweatshirts, J-crew jeans and Toms should be questioned.

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# Ahmadinejad “hormonal” over election

**Shablagoo**  
AMATEUR NUCLEAR SCIENTIST

Dear President Obama and Governor Romney,

I am pretty sure that there are not many letters that are sent to both of you at the same time. However, you can call this an exception because your enemy would usually send you a threat rather than a letter starting with “dear.” Let’s be honest here, you both were expecting to hear something from me, right? After all, both of you have referenced me often in the past few months.

It’s a shame that I only seem to cross your mind when you have to criticize one another. Come on, I know things have not been going well with us, but I thought we were more than just enemies!

First of all, I would like to ask how I have upset you. I know I went against the United Nations and everything to start our nuclear program, but I hardly knew that it would be so upsetting. Everyone else was developing this nuclear thing so I thought I would do so, too. Your buddy Israel is doing it so I just thought we would be good neighbors and mimic them. In all honesty, I have never even thought about using this nuclear program to harm anyone. It breaks my heart to see both of you going at it to prove that I am going to wage

a war all over the Middle East.

Last time I checked, it was the United States of America, not Iran, who invaded the Middle East. I am not trying to blame you for invading Iraq; you had your reasons, but there is no reason why you should assume that I will let all hell break loose with my nukes. Occasionally I have shown hostility towards Israel, but I thought they understood! Amongst it all, you were not necessarily the biggest help; you guys were like the father of a family who wanted to buy the nuclear toy for only one of the sons.

Another thing that really gets me hormonal (my wife introduced that word to me and I love it now) is that you both think that talking to me would stop me from getting my nukes. Sorry to break your misconception, but are you actually sure that I have not got my nukes yet? I will neither confirm nor deny the previous statement, and the only reason you are getting this from me right now is because we go way back. Maybe this is just way too much for you to handle right now with the elections coming up, but I just wanted to let you know what is in store for you when one of you is the next president.

All I can tell you two right now is good luck. If there were



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**IRANIAN PRESIDENT SAYS HE HAS HAD ENOUGH—** Ahmadinejad has noted how his face now looks like this all the time due to the constant frustration he goes through.

any more debates left I would just advise you to stay on the topic; Kim Jong-Un and I were really looking forward to both of you making the foreign policy debate interesting and

we were really disappointed. I love both of you, and trust me if it was up to me to have a beer with either of you, I would have you both hold my legs up while I did a keg stand. Fi-

nally, I would like to tell you that I am not stopping my nuclear program because YOLO. Sincerely, Mohammad Ahmadinejad P.S. Nuke me if you can.

## Michigan to punish decelerating drivers

**Jimmy “Zip Lip” Rudolph**  
FASHION CONSULTANT

This Monday in a rare, nearly unanimous vote the state legislature passed legislation that will dramatically reform Michigan’s highway traffic laws. The Specialized Police Enforcement Directive, or SPED Act, will make Michigan the first state in the nation to eliminate posted speed limits on all highways and expressways.

The SPED Act is the first piece of legislation to be passed by the highly polarized body in more than six months. Mr. Beauregard enthusiastically declared, “The SPED Act will improve our state’s international competitiveness, lower govern-

ment costs, and discourage distracted driving all while making our state’s roads more enjoyable for the motoring public.”

The legislators explained that eliminating highway speed limits would allow the public to reach their jobs quicker and give the state a competitive edge over states with lower speed limits. “If our state is going to stay competitive we need to find ways to increase worker productivity... the best part is that not even China can beat unlimited [speed],” said Mr. Beauregard.

According to Rep. Cammel, the two sponsors conceived of the idea in August when both Rep. Cammel and Rep. Beauregard coincidentally received

speeding tickets for traveling over 90 mph on a local expressway on the same day. “We realized that the whole process of receiving and paying a ticket takes an exorbitant amount of time... Is it really fair to penalize the most productive members of society like ourselves for trying to be on time?” said Rep. Cammel.

Criticisms were quickly rebutted by an energetic Rep. Beauregard, “The German Audubon highway system has had unlimited speed sections for years and had fewer fatalities than most US highways.”

“After all” Beauregard joked, “Speed has never killed anybody. Suddenly becoming stationary, now that’s deadly, in fact, maybe we should ticket sudden deceleration instead.”

To the legislators higher speeds means less distracted driving. When the public is allowed to experience the fun of high speed driving they will feel less of a need to engage in other activities. “Have you ever tried talking on your phone while driving at 100 mph? It is nearly impossible to have a phone conversation with that level of background noise. Additionally, letting go of the wheel to send a text is virtually impossible,”

Rep. Cammel showed his excitement for his legislation when he stated, “Although this was not a problem that people were overly concerned about, I think the public will appreciate us solving issues that they were not even aware of”



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**IT AIN’T WORTH NOTHIN’ NO MORE—** Speed limits signs are now only good for target practice, juvenile destruction, or garage decoration.

## Nope secession imminent

**Harold Peembly**  
HEDGE TRIMMER

A college president can remain president for only so long. As has been alluded to by our own President Coltman in former months, the final stages of Nope College’s secession from the United States were drafted and vilified on Friday, Oct. 26. When questioned about the political move, Coltman replied, “We have already seen that Nope College is incapable of finding a new president, which throws my retirement plans out the window.” Basing his strategy off a simplified model of England’s own, King Coltman plans to crown Smarty as Queen on the 31st.

The Coltmans have transferred all funds for the new student union and music center into a fund for their new castle, scheduled to be finished spring 2013, where they will peacefully live with slew of student servants and an undetermined amount of corgi pups, while they pass the iron hand on down to Dr. Ron Robson, commander of the 1st National Nope Police Force. The upcoming castle is to be built on the old skate park lot, and plans indicate that it will contain a five star kitchen, six dining rooms and over 15 living areas, along with an entire basketball court for spontaneous duels against Dalvin at the King and Queen’s bidding.

“We’ll have enough space to invite the entire campus over to dinner!” said Smarty in a recent

press conference after the castle’s ground breaking ceremony.

Student Congress is expected to meet within the week to solidify power structures such as the nation’s military and agricultural authorities, which are still under heavy question. Plans to name Rad Halters, current Director of Campus Safety, as the first commander and chief of the Nope Army National Forces. NANF is currently under orders to draft all current humanities students of Nope College into the national standing army, a move that would “Put those students... to better use anyways,” according to Commander Halters.

All other students will be asked to begin mining for precious metals and resources beneath the depths of Nope’s campus. Creative Dining has chosen to go international and continue serving the nation state in return for 20 percent of our nation’s export profit (a majority of which will come from Nope College coffee mug and t-shirt sales). This will ensure that a healthy flow of unhealthy food will continue into the country to fuel our developing workforce despite recent trade embargoes with local Meijer outlets.

The Nation State of Nope College has a bright future ahead of it - all it will take is the utter, blind cooperation from students like you. Together, we can make this nation a force to be reckoned with. All Hail the King and Queen of Nope and God save the Queen!



# LET’S TALK ABOUT SEX

## Condom sculpture censored from DeWitt

**Heather Mumby**  
STAFF WRITER ('92)

Beth Gotting’s (’93) controversial sculpture was removed from the Kletz stairwell area last Wednesday, March 4 because some senior staff members in DeWitt were getting class complaining about its content.

When asked she thought about the removal, Gotting said “I was disappointed. I guess I could foresee that it could happen, but I didn’t really think it would. I think that people took it the wrong way.”

The sculpture consists of three steel poles of varying heights with plexiglass and wood boxes perched on top of them. Between the layers of plexiglass, are multi-colored condoms and Gummy Worms.

“A condom is a regular object now, like a tube of toothpaste or a tampon. A condom has a sexual connotation, but that’s what it’s used for,” said sculpture Professor Bill Mayer.

Gotting’s sculpture was an project for Mayer’s sculpture III class. The class has permission to use the stairwell space for temporary installments.

The students take turns exhibiting a piece design specifically for that space. It’s put up for two weeks and then taken down for the new artist to move in. Beth’s is the third installment of the series and the only one so far to receive complaints.

The sculpture is now found in the lobby of the DePree Art Center where it would stand for the remainder of its two week run.

“I’m surprised that it wasn’t totally censored. It’s still being allowed to show somewhere else,” said Gotting.

This is the statement Gotting wrote and its displayed in the stairwell where her sculpture originally stood.

“My installation was originally installed in the spot, but it has been relocated to the lobby of the DePree Art Center because of complaints regarding its content.

“My piece is constructed with wood, metal, plexiglass, Gummy Worms and assorted colored condoms. The installation was meant to be an informational piece which suggests that today’s young people (Gummy Worms) are experimenting with sex and

are placing themselves at high risk for sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS. Safe sex has to be a high priority among those who are sexually active; thus, the condoms. The overall structure of the piece reflects a birdfeeder, suggesting food for the mind.

“I appreciate the fact that each person who views a piece of art can interpret it in his/her own way, depending on the viewer’s station and experience in life. I value this freedom of each person to draw his/her own conclusions. It was not my intention to offend anyone, or to create controversy, but rather to promote reflection on one of the most important health issues of our time.” Beth Gotting”

Along with the statement, there is a picture of the piece as its displayed in DePree and a podium holding copies of the statement for people to take and a small notebook for people to comment on the piece and its removal.

The comments in the notebooks vary from supportive to critical. Some people feel that the sculpture is offensive and are glad to see that it was



Photo by Rich Blair

**CONDOM’S LAST STAND. The controversial sculpture before it was removed from DeWitt.**

removed. There was a reference to the piece as being “anti-God” and another which thought that condoms should not be seen in public.

These criticisms were few compared to the many entries supporting Gotting’s sculpture. Many of these reflected the thought that Nope is a repressive school where a person isn’t really free to express themselves. There are many references to closed-

mindedness and censorship.

Gotting said, “I was impressed with what a lot of people said. It is nice to know that there are people who support what I am doing.”

“The role of the artist is to make sure we see things differently and I think that Beth did that,” said Mayer.

“Her piece is the greatest work of art to come out of Nope. College.”

## The ties that bind

CIS topic chosen: ‘50 Shades of Sexuality’



**Coconut Exotica**  
HEIRESS TO DOWNTON ABBEY

Eager to stir up meaningful discussion, the Critical Issue Symposium committee has gone ahead and chosen next year’s topic, “50 Shades of Sexuality,” an in-depth study of British author E.L. James’s bestselling erotica novel “50 Shades of Grey.” Next fall, Nope College will focus on the relationship between the main characters, Anastasia Steele and Christian Grey, in the hopes of opening up new avenues of dialogue about BDSM in our everyday lives.

While some people were up in arms about the committee’s decision to highlight the racy novel, CIS Co-Chairwoman Marinara Conlinguini shrugs his shoulders at the naysayers. “The symposium is meant to stimulate deep thinking about current issues, so why not talk

about bondage for a day? The entire committee was clamoring for it. Who was I to say ‘no?’”

This next CIS plans to reel in students, who would not normally attend the day’s events. To create early buzz, the committee has already made sure to stock the shelves of the Nope-Geneva Bookstore with copies of next year’s recommended reading, the entire “50 Shades” trilogy. Since then, hoards of students have come into the store to snag copies of the books, causing the store to order hundreds more to keep up with the demand.

“In my 20 years of working here, I have never seen [the bookstore] so busy,” said one employee. “It feels like Black Friday every day.” Both male and female students have been spotted around campus with the

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## Bringing the “Magic” to Nope

**Ms. Trunchbull**  
WIZARD OF GOSSIP

In response to the success of the Oscar-nominated summer blockbuster, “Magic Mike,” Nope College is proud to announce that the theater department is developing a theatrical adaptation of the film. Last month, as auditions began, the news aroused excitement throughout campus.

Joshua Moore (’13), who will star as Mike exclaims, “I nearly cried when they announced I would be playing Magic Mike!” Moore explains that this theatrical adaptation requires a big time commitment—he practices his stripping routines about four to six hours daily. “In all honesty my character, Magic

Mike, is a lot more than an exotic dancer as his story can inspire anyone,” confesses Moore.

“Magic Mike,” a truly inspirational story, follows the life of Mike Lane, who strips for a living and inspires a young man, Adam, to join this business. Throughout the movie, one can see that Mike sincerely is a lot more than a stripper as he saves Adam’s life through the power of his magical washboard abs.

The head of the theater department, Rachel Ryan discloses: “The second I heard about this movie, I knew our department had to do something with it.” Although some negative comments have surfaced, the majority of the student population cannot wait

for opening night. As a matter of fact, the theater department fears that they might not have enough show days or space to accommodate the demands.

Needless to say, “Magic Mike” is predicted to be the production of the year. Christina Clazz (’14), who plays Mike’s love interest, reveals: “I’ve starred in a lot of plays, but this is the most exciting show ever! I cannot stop reading and rehearsing my lines—long hours of rehearsal had never been this fun.”

Therefore, if you saw “Magic Mike” or you are wondering what all this excitement is about, make sure you buy tickets as soon as possible before they sell out. They are now on sale at NoVos Fieldhouse.



**FLAUNT YO’ BODY—** Nope College actors rehearse a scene from the theater department’s highly anticipated production of “Magic Mike.”



Battle of the beards: a wizard’s duel

**Doctor Ke\$ha**  
BEARDOGRAPHER

At the 78<sup>th</sup> annual International Conference for Wizards with Distinguished Beards, Professor Albus Dumbledore and Gandalf the White weighed in on a topic that’s near and dear to their hearts.

How do you keep your beard looking happy and healthy on a daily basis?

DUMBLEDORE: Every morning before I step into the Great Hall for a breakfast feast, I fill a basin with sparkling water. I dip my beard in said water up to my chin. I let my beard swim around in the basin a little and then air dry it. It’s very important to air dry a beard and not use magic.

GANDALF: I stroke my beard periodically throughout the day. Otherwise, I just let it sort of run wild.

“ One does not simply grow a beard.  
— GANDALF THE WHITE ”

How old is your beard?

D: The house elves throw my beard a birthday extravaganza with all sorts of beard-themed cakes and decorations. It’s become a biannual celebration over the years, I’m not sure

exactly what number I’m on.

G: This summer, I will be visiting the Shire for my one hundred and eleventy-first Beard Day celebration.

“ It is our choice to grow a beard that shows who we truly are, far more than our ability to grow one.  
— ALBUS DUMBLEDORE ”

Who are your beard idols?

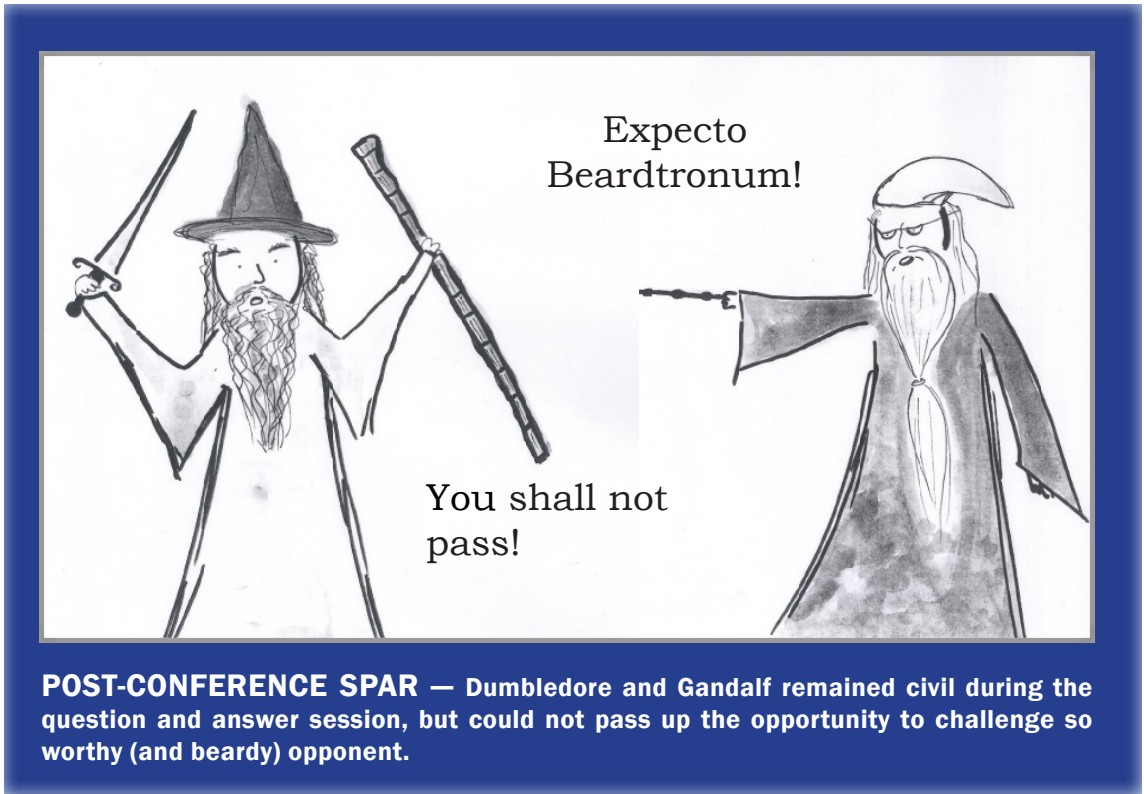
D: Hagrid, Hogwarts’ trusted gamekeeper and my dear friend, has a beard that demands respect. It is truly an enormous accomplishment.

G: My beloved friend Gimli is not only a fiery dwarf and fierce warrior, but he has a keen sense of beard fashion. His beard radiates a deep ginger color, and is often styled with two elegant braids.

How do you accessorize with your beard?

D: A pointed hat that flops to the right side is preferred. I also believe that spectacles, specifically half-moon spectacles, add something to the final picture that can’t quite be described.

G: When I’m feeling fancy, I wear a hat with a strong, skyward-facing cone. However, on most days I let my beard speak for itself.



What advice do you have for new beard growers?

D: You have to start somewhere. It is our choice to grow a beard that shows who we truly are, far more than our ability to grow one.

G: Don’t leave the Shire until you are ready to traverse uncharted Middle Earth territory. That is, don’t start growing beards until you’re comfortable and skilled in the field of mustachery. Remember: one does not simply grow a beard.

What is your beard’s

proudest accomplishment to date?

D: I no longer reside at Hogwarts. However, the legacy of my beard lives on! My portrait hangs in the Headmaster’s office, and my silbery beard is an eternal beacon of light.

G: My beard went through hell and back. As many of you may recall, I used to be called Gandalf the Grey.

Does your beard have a name?

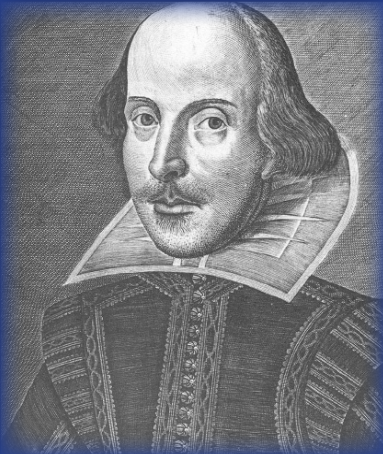
D: It does not. However, I sometimes think of it as The Phoenix. One time, when I

was cooking (I make a mean pumpkin stir fry), the tip of my beard caught a spark and within seconds the whole thing was singed black. Right before my eyes, the charred remains of my beard rejuvenated and sprouted back to its previous state with out so much as a trip to the infirmary.

G: My beard doesn’t have one name, but because it is so famous and such a favorite among the gang, it has been awarded various nicknames, including, but not limited to, Shadow Ringlets, Beardy Abyss, and Balrog Destroyer.

William Shakesbeard:  
Manuscripts reveal this bard’s secret obsession

Although remaining clean shaven and beardless for most of his adult life, Shakespeare longed to further express his theatricality through a dramatic and majestic beard. However, the women in Shakespeare’s life prohibited beards. “It’s me or that scruff,” his wife Anne Hathaway stated. She made him shave, but she couldn’t stop him from dreaming. Scholars have recently discovered Shakespeare’s daily journal, and his thoughts often waned beardedly as he plotted and schemed new sonnets and plays.



“To beard or not to beard, that is the question.”

“Shall I compare thee to a summer’s beard? Thou art more lovely and more temperate.”

“But scratchy! What beard through yonder window breaks?”

“All the beard’s a stage.”

“What’s in a name? That which we call a beard by any other name would smell as sweet.”

’Stache City, USA  
Snip and wear these fine facial fashions









# Excuse me as I ramble on

The Little King  
Pride Rock



## What is and what should never be

So everyone is writing satire this week. Cool. I see how it is. Actually, I really don't see how it is. How could anyone possibly enjoy a writing style that is so hopelessly self-contradicting? Oh, what's that you want to say, Mr. "Look-at-Me,-I'm-Using-Satire-Because-I'm-Such-a-Frickin'-Bohemian"? You think that you're artistic and suave with your icy, masochistic words? Seriously, people think they're spreading the gospel of truth, but all they're using is insensible doubletalk!

I'm just surrounded by jokers and fools on either side. Left, right, up, and down, there are make-believe tricksters and want-to-be social commentators! Read a book, already – you guys have no idea what you're talking about! Satire is just a pseudo-logical technique of psycho-babble used by people with a chronic streak of feeble-mindedness and immaturity.

So now you're pursuing such and such agenda with some sort of higher purpose. Great. So

you're just writing and writing and writing about stuff with no real aim at where you want to go with it. Yet somehow this makes you more intelligent or more creative or something. Wrong! Ranting is just ranting! If you keep talking with no overall purpose in mind you're not going to make any point at all. Just like the rest of these people – it's why it's strictly impossible to say one thing and mean another. All these morons writing around me just don't seem to grasp this crucial concept.

I suppose that my fellow writers think that they're delving into rather profound subjects, but I would venture to disagree with them. Yeah, so you can make a point about politics with clever metaphors regarding headless chickens and all that. Oh, so you can say that the human condition is flawed and needs a little patching up with your symbolism of light and your diction of darkness! And to be sure, you'd love to explain just how your frustration with

lemons correlates to the acidic, sour nature of social ethics and relations. Yes, you're all so cunning with your cute little arguments, I'll agree. Here's a tip, though – try making sense next time!

Now that I've left you all properly embarrassed with yourselves, allow me to just wrap things up. Anyone who writes satire always fails because it isn't even real. In fact, I refuse to acknowledge its existence as a legitimate writing style! And now that I've established your method as the product of a twisted mind, it follows that you have no ground to stand on. If you base your thesis in an arcane style and a slew of logical fallacies, it stands to reason that your argument is completely invalid! I rest my case.

*The Little King's small kingdom resides in a cozy corner of his imagination.*

# Get ready: Racy CIS for 2013

♦ 50 SHADES, from page 4

the books, some of whom have been reprimanded for having their reading interfere with their schoolwork.

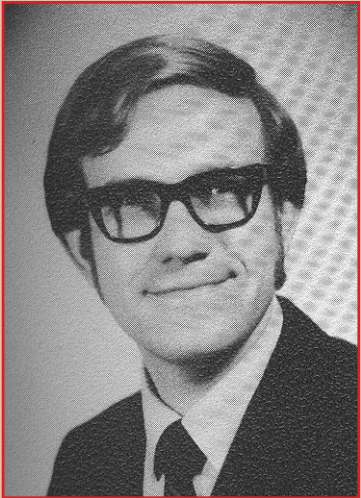
"I got asked to leave my chemistry lab, when my professor caught me reading ["50 Shades of Grey"] instead of paying attention to my experiment," confessed freshman Justin Finch-Fletchley, a self-professed "50 Shades" fanatic. "I am sorry that the

table caught on fire, but I had to know what Christian would do to Ana next! I'm just trying to stay informed for CIS."

Patience is a virtue, and come next September, Finch-Fletchley and the entire campus will get to dive into the great Steele-Grey saga and bind together as a community. Until then, people will have to quench their anticipation by reading the books.

# MISSING

## Last seen in Lubbers Hall, 3rd Floor



Call The Ranchor with info

# Search committee all about Dutchness

♦ HAZING, from page 1

tradition of Nope College."

Candidate Twenty-Seven said he was asked to name – and then demonstrate planting – all 3,000 tulip varieties. Candidate 69 was required to Dutch dance – "In a bonnet!" he said, shaking his head.

Beloy has said he will risk the squirrels since he is now safely president of another college and a team of Cowpen security protects him 24/7.

Although the presidential search committee has interviewed hundreds of candidates and even extended more than 20 offers to potential presidents, currently none have accepted.

It stands to reason that the search committee's tactics are discouraging anyone from ever filling the wooden shoes of current President Coltman, who has called for a public investigation of his administration's search process.

# Classified

SEEKING: man who hates Facebook, smart phones, movie theaters, television, Honey Boo Boo, the government, Obama and Romney. loves farming.

FOR SALE: my academic integrity.

SEEKING: man who loves sports and sports writing, who has a secret rap career and a sick flow. looking for the next Eminem to spend 10-20 years with.

FOR SALE: one freshman roommate. smells suspiciously like a fragrant non-native plant, lets alarm ring for two hours before snoozing, has not vacuumed ever. interested parties contact [thisdude.isawful@hope.edu](mailto:isawful@hope.edu).

SEEKING: woman who loves the finer things in life: Nykerk climbing, spinning in chairs, double-majoring, belly flopping on bean bags, running into walls frequently, and napping the library. must be fluent in Dutch.

WANTED: one teleportation device, range: DeVos to the VanderPlex.

WANTED: a tall, Frosty silver fox.

SEEKING: woman who is ready to put a ring on it. must be female and alive (zombies need not apply).

LOST: the key to my handcuffs.

LOST: my Nope College toothpick holders. last seen on Wednesday in the Curragh.

SEEKING: cindy. it was 1983. it was hot and you were too. the shortest three hours of my life.

LOST: one Nykerk glove.

LOST: 3,000 Phelps trays.

FOR SALE: used squirrel pelt. slightly charred.

FOUND: a Dykstra rat.

# Missed connections

Saw you across the Pine Grove. You're sexy and you know it. I like that. Come by Phelps anytime and we can LMFAO.

I love it when you make magic. Your melodic voice gives me chills. You're the king of my heart.

I was watching the Quidditch game last week. You were really intense in your game. I wished I'd had the opportunity to talk to you. Too bad you broke your leg.

You were doing homework at LJs. I said hey, but you didn't respond. Then I realized that you had your headphones. See you there next week?

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- 1 farmer hat (in the world cubby)
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- 5 seriously comfy Herman Miller chairs
- 1 dirty stein
- a plush zebra
- 4 ice cube trays
- 1 very underused coffee machine
- lots and lots of yummy treats



Intramural sports facing huge ban

Bob Saget

PROFESSIONAL BUNGEE JUMPER

For some students, the return to school after a long summer means one thing: gearing up for intramural (IM) sports.

Teams are assembled, strategies are discussed, and competition is heated.

Last year saw a humongous increase in Nope College IM participation compared to the year before, and this year the number of athletes is even higher.

The explosion in numbers over the past two years has caused curious conversation among some non-IM athletes.

“I really think something changed in the rules or something cooler is now awarded to the winners,” Sally Sham (’14), a junior math major, said. “My roommate competes in IM soccer and she is absolutely furious when she returns home after a loss. She analyzes every single bit of the game. However, after a win she has this weirdly happy look on her face, like she just won the lottery.”

Sham went on to say that two years ago her roommate could care less if her team lost, but starting last year (the year of huge increases in participants), Sham’s roommate began her fierce emotional breakdowns after a defeat.

Other Nope College students also commented on



Moneyball

the mysterious inflation of IM athletes. Not one of them could give a logical reason for the situation.

“I was convinced that another two or three sports were added to IM competition, which caused all of this sudden interest,” Cassie Pederson (’13) said. “When I saw nothing new was added, I become curious and still am today. Something’s fishy.”

On Friday some light was shed on the controversy when another roommate of an IM athlete gave a detailed description of what happened after the athlete returned home from the semi-finals of a co-ed football contest.

Carl Tiki (’15), the testifier, said that his roommate has also been noticeably angrier after a loss, but on this recent night his roommate won and clinched a spot in the championship game of co-ed football. The roommate’s name is Tom Opera (’15).

Opera supposedly entered

the room after the win with a huge smile and a lot of words about the game. When he was fumbling and struggling to take off his sports bag, a stack of cash held together by a rubber band fell from his coat pocket.

“When the stack dropped to the floor I immediately kneeled down to pick it up and Tom was warning me not to touch it,” Tiki said. “I got a hold of it and flipped through the bills to find a total of \$200.”

Tiki proceeded to ask Opera where the money had come from, but Opera wouldn’t peep. Tiki then grabbed Opera’s beloved receiving gloves and threatened to rip them apart if Opera didn’t speak about the money.

Opera then confessed that his IM coach had given each of the players a \$200 prize for winning the semi-final game. A heavy \$400 would be given to each if the team went on to win the championship on Saturday.

This story erupted throughout campus after it was brought to the attention of the athletic director, Timothy Dean Folkert, on Friday.

Students who had been commenting on odd IM behavior are now convinced that money has been involved since the booming number of participants two years ago. Someone had to be the main culprit of this illegal act of awarding IM athletes with money for victories.

When Folkert was confronted with the Tiki/Opera incident, he wasn’t slow to admit that he too had a hand in this controversy.

“A couple years ago IMs were really struggling,” Folkert said. “Numbers were way down and students simply lost interest for some reason. We had to do something different, to spark the interest again.

“One of Nope’s most devoted donors, Mary Lewis, called me up in July of 2011 and said she would donate \$1 million to the IM fund in order to pay the athletes for winning. She warned me to keep this as a matter between her, me and the IM coaches and players.”

Folkert has been put on probation for involvement in the incident and the distribution of money to players has been labeled as the sure reason for the increase in IM participation ever since the 2011-2012 school year.

On Sunday, the aforementioned Sham, whose roommate was having emotional breakdowns after losses, said she found a stash of \$3000 in one of her roommate’s desk drawers.

Who knows how much other IM athletes garnered over the past two seasons of play? Look out for more details in the days to come.

All IM sports were cancelled on Saturday morning and could be looking at cancellation for another five years.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Wednesday Oct. 31 Women’s Fencing vs. Kalamazoo at 7 p.m. in the Dow

Thursday Nov. 1 Men’s Red Rover vs. Olivet at 7 p.m. at Tunnel Park

Friday Nov. 2 Men’s Kickboxing vs. Cowpen at 7 p.m. at DeVos Women’s Fly Fishing vs. Trine at 7 p.m. at Lake Macatawa

Saturday Nov. 3 Men’s and Women’s Parkour vs. Trine at 1 p.m. all over Holland Men’s Skee Ball vs. Saint Mary’s at Chuck E. Cheese’s at 4 p.m.

IN BRIEF

NOPE TRACK SET TO HOST MIAA INDOOR MEET

Nope’s indoor track will be seeing its first real competition in January 2013 when the Dutch host a MIAA conference meet. The announcement came on Saturday from athletic director Timothy Dean Folkert.

The indoor track is located on the second floor of the Dow, and it has been notorious for causing injuries to runners, joggers, exercisers and plenty of other random people.

The track has extremely banked turns and a really odd distance. No one knows the exact distance of one lap, which will most likely cause controversy at the MIAA meet.

Spectators will have trouble viewing the races, as the indoor track has no seating for fans to watch. They will be asked to view from the gym floor and look up to watch the action. Neck soreness is a warning to all spectators.

“I’m both excited and super worried that we are hosting an indoor MIAA meet this coming January,” Nope’s head track coach Boom Jager said. “This will definitely be a sight to see, and I can’t say the sight will be good.”

The meet is set for Saturday, Jan. 19 beginning at 5 p.m. in the Dow. Be there!

BIKE RACING COMING TO NOPE

Next fall (2013) Nope will install a new sport to its already long list. Bike racing will be an opportunity for both men and women.

Bike races begin at 13th and Columbia and finish at ninth and Columbia. Each race includes two bikers going head-to-head, and there will be a timing system to determine the winner.

Each athlete will need his or her own bike. Helmets are optional. Tryouts are already set for Aug. 30. If you’re still confused about this, contact one of Nope’s athletic directors.

Who is the man behind the mask?

Sasha Grey

SINGER/SONGWRITER

There have been many questions from the student body, faculty, and locals asking who the man under the Dutch mask is.

Claire Ekert (’15) was asked who she thought Dutch was, and she replied, “I just picture him as this big, bronze, ripped sexy man.”

The Ranchor team wanted to take it upon themselves to investigate who this happy and enthusiastic mascot actually is.

SEAL Team 6 was hired to come to Holland and capture Dutch. With such an

intense mission operative, they were up for the challenge. On Oct. 27, Nope volleyball had a big match vs. Cowpen in DeVos. Knowing how big the rivalry is, Dutch was sure to make an appearance.

During a timeout in the third set, Dutch walked off the court to get some water from the locker rooms.

There is no exact evidence of what happened next, but there were reported screams, a dog barking and a baby crying. Dutch was found tied in a chair in the boys basketball locker room, and his mouth was taped shut on his giant head.

Surrounding him were a few



Anchor reporters, a Holland Sentinel writer, and a reporter from The Wall Street Journal.

The room was dark and damp. The mask was slowly taken off and gasps filled the room.

The Wall Street Journal reporter shouted, “Maura Reynolds!”

The Ranchor team had a long talk with Dutch, a.k.a. the Director of Academic Advising.

Reynolds stated, “Students never got excited about registering for classes, so sporting events were the next best thing.” Reynolds continues, “When I’m Dutch, the students will respond to me positively, rather than not registering and not completing SALT surveys.”

Communication major Lizzie Heller (’14), spoke a few words

about Reynolds after she found out who the real Dutch was.

“Holy cow! I didn’t know she could move like that!” Heller said. “I just figured that Dutch was a just a random student!”

Why was Dutch such a secret? This puzzles all of Nope College.

Mathlete, Otto Ranby (’16) said, “He was such a secret because it keeps the mystery alive at Nope College.”

President Bultman was shocked by this news. “That’s weird. I would figure Dutch was a student. I had no idea Maura was Dutch, and if she is spending her time at games, I hope she is still doing her job.”

Rumors say Reynolds will be fired from her Director of Academic Advising position.

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